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To increase the protective health measures of towns and cities, the General Confederation of Labor, in collaboration with the Ministry of Health, issued a decree which ordered the creation of hospital party committees in each hospital and medical center of the country. Each committee is composed of the hospital director, several doctors, delegates from nearby enterprise committees, activists of the primary party organization, and deputies of the people's councils of the raion. In this manner, the hospital party committees will always be composed of workers who will be of great assistance through their knowledge and power in the community.

One such hospital party committee was created at the Ilie Pintilie Hospital on the Soseaua Pantelimon in Bucharest. The committee was organized initially with 31 members and scheduled a regular monthly work plan, incorporating plans not only for the administration of the hospital, but also for the clinical functions of the hospital.

Duties among the various committee members varied. Some were in charge of finding housing accommodations for medical personnel living in hospital quarters. Others were assigned duties in the maintenance of the hospital. All, however, were called upon to take a direct hand in the improvement of hospital conditions.

For example, Valeriu Ionescu, member of the hospital party committee, is a regularly employed worker at the Filatura Romana de Bumbac (Rumanian Cotton Enterprise). At the request of the committee, he succeeded in encouraging the workers at his enterprise to do voluntary repairs for the hospital, as well as to aid the sanitation campaign. Another member of the committee is Ion Leban, employed at the Ciment-Bucuresti (Bucharest Cement Enterprise). This worker stimulated the workers to contribute voluntary labor for the repair of the hospital. Iosif Joita and Ghinea, raion people's council deputies, likewise rendered valued assistance through their agitation work on the raion level.

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The UFDS (Union of Rumanian Democratic Women) gives assistance through their representatives. Their members carry on liaison between the patients and their families, and attend to the psychological treatment of the patients.

Despite the above successes, there are only 14-15 members of this committee who regularly assist the hospital. The remaining 16 attend the meetings infrequently. For example, Dr. Apostol, a member of the committee, has not been present at even one session of the committee since its inception. Similarly, Stelian Popescu of the 23 August Enterprises, although holding the job of assistant chairman of the committee, seldom attends meetings. Therefore, the committee frequently resorted to a direct appeal to the enterprise in question to obtain the help that it needed.

All committee members and the industries or organizations they represent must intensify their support of hospital maintenance.

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